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IITs in Ranking
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technologies (IITs) lost ground in the QS World University Rankings 2016-17 compared to last years" rankings;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if so, the standing of our Universities and IITs in the said rankings and the Government"s reaction to the diminishing standards of our universities in the world rankings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c): The ranking of the Indian Institutes in QS World University Rankings 2015-16 AND 2016-17 is Annexed. The international ranking systems use different values, indices and parameters to rank higher educational institutions. These criteria are neither universally accepted nor recognized and are therefore open to criticism for the subjective processes of their evaluation. Some of these parameters are not wholly relevant for Indian higher educational institutions and, therefore, these rankings cannot constitute the principal basis for benchmarking of Indian institutions. The improvement of the quality of higher education is a continuous process. The Government is continuously striving to improve the quality of higher education in the country by legislative initiatives as well as through various schemes and programmes.
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